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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**  
**OF PATENT FOR PTO MISTAKE (37 C.F.R. § 1.322(a))**

Dear Sir:

1. Claims 24 and 25 as printed in the above-identified patent each includes two spelling errors. The word "manner" is misspelled as "mainer" on two occasions in each of these claims. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Certificate of Correction correcting these mistakes as indicated on the attached Form PTO/SB/44.

2. Attached, in duplicate, is Form PTO/SB/44, stating the text of the correction. At least one copy is suitable for printing. The exact column and line numbers where the errors are shown in the patent are:

- (a) In claim 24, col. 71, line 51, following the word "predetermined."
- (b) In claim 24, col. 71, line 54, following the word "predetermined."
- (c) In claim 25, col. 72, line 17, following the word "predetermined."
- (d) In claim 25, col. 72, line 20, following the word "predetermined."

3. The specific errors and corrections are:

(a) In claim 24, col. 71, line 51, "maimer" should be replaced with --manner--.

(b) In claim 24, col. 71, line 54, "maimer" should be replaced with --manner--.

(c) In claim 25, col. 72, line 17, "maimer" should be replaced with --manner--.

(d) In claim 25, col. 72, line 20, "maimer" should be replaced with --manner--.

3. Because this is a request for a Certificate of Correction of a Patent Office mistake, no fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 110855, of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP.

4. Please send the Certificate of Correction to:

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

- (a) In claim 24, col. 71, line 51, "mairner" should be replaced with --manner--.
- (b) In claim 24, col. 71, line 54, "mairner" should be replaced with --manner--.
- (c) In claim 25, col. 72, line 17, "mairner" should be replaced with --manner--.
- (d) In claim 25, col. 72, line 20, "mairner" should be replaced with --manner--.

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